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A.—(*a*) Local bodies may open and maintain Homeopathic dispensaries without Government sanction. Sanction of Government is required only for fixing the strength of the staff to be employed in those institutions. The undermentioned district boards maintain Homeopathic dispensaries:—

(i) The Kistna District Board.

(ii) ,, East Godavari District Board.

(iii) ,, Ramnad District Board.

(*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) The information available is furnished below:—

Name of district board.	Name of dispensary.	Annual cost (including cost of medicine).	Cost of medicines.	Patients treated in 1938.
		RS.	RS.	
East Godavari ..	Kotipalli ..	* 1,076	* 174	* 2,360
Kistna	Edulagudem.	900	360	5,068
Ramnad	Paganeri ..	2,653	474	9,082

* The statistics shown against Kotipalli are for 1937. The statistics given against Edulagudem and Paganeri are for 1938.

Introduction of compulsory Hindustani in schools and the agitation against such introduction.

338 *Q.*—SRI MUTHU KR. AR. KR. ARUNACHALAM CHETTIYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of boys' and girls' schools in which compulsory Hindustani will be introduced in 1939–40;

(*b*) what those schools are;

(*c*) the total strength both before and after the introduction of compulsory Hindustani of the first three forms of those schools in which compulsory Hindustani has been introduced so far;

(*d*) the number of boys' and girls' schools picketed by anti-Hindustani agitators;

(*e*) what those schools are;

(*f*) the nature of picketing adopted;

(*g*) the number of men and women arrested and convicted for picketing;

(*h*) whether the strength of the schools picketed has been affected;

(*i*) whether representations have been received by the Government from parents and teachers for and against compulsory Hindustani;

(*j*) whether the Government have any intention of changing their policy regarding compulsory Hindustani; and

(*k*) if so, what the nature of the changes is?

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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) It is proposed to introduce the teaching of Hindustani in one hundred more schools next year. A list of these schools will be notified in due course.

(*c*) According to a report obtained recently from the Director of Public Instruction, the present strength of the I Form in the 125 schools in which Hindustani was taught in the current year was 10,492 as compared to 9,779 in the previous year. The figures for other classes have not been received. In the ordinary course the current year's figures of the strength of each school reach the office of the Director of Public Instruction only after the close of the academic year. Hence complete figures are not now available.

(*d*) & (*e*) So far as the Government are aware, demonstrations have taken place by the side of the Hindu Theological High School, Georgetown, Madras, and to a very slight extent at the Hindu High School, Triplicane, Madras, the Municipal High School, Salem, and the Municipal Higher Elementary School, Shevapet, Salem. All these are schools for boys.

(*f*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to clause (i) of starred question No. 685 asked at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on the 26th January 1939.

(*g*) The figures up to the 31st January 1939 are as follows:—

	Men.	Women.
Number of persons arrested ...	716	36
Number of persons convicted ...	683	36

(*h*) The strength of the schools does not seem to have been affected.

(*i*) & (*j*) The answer is in the negative.

(*k*) The question does not arise.

Educational—general and professional—and boarding facilities afforded to the Scheduled Class pupils of the Tinnevelly district during the current year.

339 *Q*.—Sri K. P. YAGNESWARA SARMA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state with reference to the *Tinnevelly district*—

(*a*) the number, talukwar, of Scheduled Class pupils enjoying in the current year—

(i) labour scholarships for ordinary education, commercial education, professional education and industrial education;

(ii) special scholarships awarded by the Director of Public Instruction and the District Educational Officer;

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Hunger strike of an anti-Hindi prisoner in the Penitentiary, Madras.

* 1232 *Q.*—SRI B. BHAKTAVATSALU NAYUDU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Mr. Sachithanandam, who had been convicted in the anti-Hindi Movement, is on hunger strike from 27th March 1939 in the Madras Penitentiary; and

(*b*) If so, what his present condition and state of health are?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Government regret that by means of such questions encouragement is given through publicity to this kind of action on the part of any prisoner. A statement [a] is laid on the table giving the story of the prisoner for the information of the hon. Member."

Public shooting galleries in the Province.

* 1233 *Q.*—SRI K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are any public shooting galleries in this Province; and

(*b*) whether the Government give any encouragement to them?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—" (*a*) The Government have no information.

" (*b*) The answer is in the negative."

Construction of a road connecting the Southern street in Usmansahibpet, Nellore, with the Survepalli channel bund.

* 1234 *Q.*—DR. MUHAMMAD ABDUS SALAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Chairman, Municipal Council, Nellore, carried out the instructions in Government Orders Ms. No. 674, P.H., dated 12th March 1934, and Ms. No. 4861, L. & M., dated 5th November 1934, regarding the layout of a road in Usmansahibpet, Nellore, to extend its southern street to connect it with the Survepalli channel bund to the west;

(*b*) if not, why not;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the Municipal Engineer has fixed the value of the site to be acquired for the road at only Rs. 370; and

(*d*) what the cost estimated by the Municipal Engineer is for the laying out of the said extension of the road?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—" (*a*) to (*d*) Information has been called for."

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 489 infra.